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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Dear Fair and Exhibition Board members:

Following the successful eradication of pseudorabies (PRV) in 2000, Michigan exhibitors have enjoyed the ability to participate in events without pre-entry PRV testing of swine. Swine have also been allowed to return from exhibition to the farm or to other locations without proof of negative PRV test status. However, with the recent discovery of PRV in transitional¹ swine from several facilities in Michigan, measures must once again be implemented to protect Michigan's swine herd. Effective immediately, Michigan's Exhibition Requirements for Swine are amended as follows:

SWINE

1. Swine with clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease shall be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show or, by permission of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director, shall be isolated on the premises.
2. Swine shall be individually identified by official identification (official identification means an identification ear tag or ear tattoo or other identification approved by USDA or MDA).
3. Swine shall not enter any fair, exhibition, exposition, or show facility unless it can be demonstrated that the swine presented for exhibition or exposition meet at least **one of the following conditions:**
 - a. Originate as a direct movement from a swine premises located in a pseudorabies Stage IV or higher area or region or other equivalent low prevalence area as recognized by the director, OR
 - b. Originate directly from a pseudorabies qualified-negative herd as defined in *Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations*, which proof may consist of a copy of a valid certificate issued by the department stating that the herd meets the requirements for a pseudorabies qualified-negative herd, OR
 - c. Unless the swine are piglets nursing a pseudorabies negative sow, **present an official swine test report that indicates the swine have been tested for pseudorabies within 45 days before exhibition and have tested negative.**

¹ Transitional swine are defined as swine that may come into contact with feral swine.

4. All swine removed from any exhibition facility shall **be moved directly to a livestock auction market or slaughter facility** premises for disposition in accordance with applicable laws concerning movement of swine to slaughter, unless all swine present at the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show facility at any time for any reason meet **one of the following requirements:**
- a. Originate directly from a pseudorabies qualified-negative herd as defined in *Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations*, which proof may consist of a copy of a valid certificate issued by the department stating that the herd meets the requirements for a pseudorabies qualified-negative herd, OR
 - b. Unless the swine are piglets nursing a pseudorabies negative sow, **present an official swine test report that indicates the swine have been tested for pseudorabies within 45 days before exhibition and have tested negative.**
 - c. These terminal fair requirements include racing pigs, petting zoo pigs and any other pigs on the fairgrounds.

Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with all statutory and regulatory provisions of the State of Michigan relating to animal health outlined in Act No. 466 of the Public Acts of 1988, as amended, and rules promulgated for the implementation and enforcement of the act. Any swine found to be exhibited or removed from exhibition in violation of any provision of this section may be quarantined or ordered slaughtered, destroyed, or disposed of by the MDA Director without being eligible for indemnification.

We appreciate your cooperation with these changes. Through these measures and other ongoing efforts we expect to eradicate PRV from Michigan swine. For additional information please contact MDA at 373-1077.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Halstead", written in a cursive style.

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